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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN PRESS OBLIQUELY CRITICIZES U.S.

U.S.- SPANISH BASES AGREEMENT

1. THE EAST GERMAN PRESS HAS DEVOTED SPORADIC ATTENTION TO NEW REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES ABOUT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED U.S.-SPANISH BASES AGREEMENT.THESE ARTICLES DEAL FACTUALLY WITH THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE WHICH THE U.S. WILL PROVIDE SPAIN FOR USE OF THESE BASES OVER A 5-YEAR PERIOD BUT STATE THAT THE MAJOR PART OF THIS ASSITANCE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF MILITARY HARDWARE.R THE HAVE PICKED UP SECRETARYKISSINGER'S STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT MOVES SPAIN CLOSER TO NATO AND TO POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EEC. THEY HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, REPEATED THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THA THE US, ALTHOUGH NOT BOUND TO SPAIN IN A FORMAL SENSE, HAS A "MORAL" OBLIGATION TO BE CONCERNED SHOULD SPAIN BE SUBJECT TO AN ATTACK FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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2. TWO THEMES APPEAR IN THE GDR ARTICLES OSTENSIBLY
BORROWED FROM OTHER SOURCES: A) THE UNITED STATES WAS
FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT AFTER
THE DEATH OF FRANCO SINCE IT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE
US TO DEAL WITH THE SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT IN SPAIN; AND
B) THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE
PRESENT SPANISH GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE USED TO COMBAT
THE LIBERALIZATION OF THE "EXISTING ORDER". THE FIRST
COMMENT CITES THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE AS A
SOURCE AND THE SECOND COMMENT IS REPORTEDLY FROM PRAVDA.GROVE

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